Mario N. Leone Jr.

Aliquippa, PA 15001

May 21st, 2007

Dear Mr. Jordan:

I am responding in regard to a complaint filed against the Hopewell 21st Century Democrats, and myself as treasurer for the committee. The number given to this matter is MUR 5912.

I am unaware of any wrong doings of myself, or the committee in not reporting contributions to the Federal Election Commission. We are registered with the Beaver County Election Bureau, and reported all contributions and expenditures made to the committee in these reports. With reference to the monies received totaling \$4,100.00 from candidates seeking the U.S. Congressional seat between a periods of July 28th 2005 to June 1st, 2006 have all been reported as such. It is my understanding that these candidates are required to file their reports with the Federal Election Commission, but local committees are not required to do so unless we made a contribution in excess of \$5,000.00 to one of their committees that could have affected the outcome of the respective election.

This complaint is politically motivated by a disturbed individual, which I defeated in a local Township Commissioner Race. He is simply trying to be a nuisance in any way possible. It is frustrating that he is taking up valuable time of everyone involved with this matter. It simply does not make sense that every local committee in our country that receives contributions from a Federal candidate to be required to file a report with the Federal Election Commission. There would not be a building big enough in Washington D.C. to house all of these documents.

I have spoken to several other treasurers of local committees of which have received contribution from Federal Candidates, and have never filed any reports with the Federal Election Commission. Again, I am unaware of any actions that I, or my committee had knowingly violated in regard to the Federal Campaign Act of 1971. If this is determined to be inaccurate I fully wish to comply with an irregularities that we may have been in violation of, and prevent any future discrepancies.

I presently do not wish to designate legal counsel in this matter. However, if it is determined that this matter requires further attention I may then wish to seek legal counsel.

Sincerely yours,

Mario N. Leone Jr.

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